local Cossacks; your mounted division must be quickly put in order so as to get after them.

21st. The chief of staff will inform the Duke of **Bei-**luno that he must form his corps into three divisions without fail on the 1st of January, even if he has no more than 3000 men in each division.

26th. The enemy have debouched by Bale and are marching on Belfort, which their advance guard probably reached on the 24th. It is absolutely necessary to move the Guard, horse and foot, with the reserve artillery, to Reims. If the news should become more urgent, I will give orders for the infantry to travel by stage, but so far this does not appear to be necessary.

31st. The Legislative Body, instead of helping to save France, is helping on her ruin, and is false to its duties ; I carry out mine and dissolve it.

This is my decree, and if I were assured that its consequence would be that the people of Paris would inarch to massacre me in the Palace of the Tuileries, still I would maintain it; for that is my duty. When the French people placed their fate in my hands, I considered the laws under which I was asked to govern; had I thought them insufficient I would not have accepted. Let no one imagine that I am a Louis XVI!